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SUMMARY. NORWEGIAN YOUTH COUNCIL PRESIDENT BERNT BULL, SEC GEN CARL JOHAN SVERDRUP AND CENYC PERMANENT SECRETARY BJORN JANSEN TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT IS NOT NOW POSSIBLE TO EXTEND INVITATION FOR US TO PARTICIPATE IN OSLO PREPARATORY MEETING FOR WARSAW EUROPEAN YOUTH SECURITY. US COULD BE INVITED TO WARSAWY CONFERENCE AND TO FUTURE PREPARATORY MEETINGS, HOWEVER, AND THIS WILL BE ONE OF MAJOR QUESTIONS DISCUSSED DURING UPCOMING OSLO MEETING. BULL AND
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SVERDRUP WERE GENERALLY POSITIVE SAYING NORWAY FAVORS

GREATER US PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES, ALTHOUGH NORWAY ALSO HAS OTHER HIGH PRIORITY INTERESTS AND THERE WILL BE MUCH HORSE TRADING AT OSLO MEETING. HANSEN WAS MORE SKEPTICAL ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF US PARTICIPATION ON OTHER THAN OBSERVER BASIS, ABOUT US PREPAREDNESS TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY AND, INDEED, ABOUT EXISTENCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL IN US. HANSEN ALSO WARNED AGAINST RELYING ON CSCE AS MAIN ARGUMENT FOR US PARTICIPATION. ALL AGREED THAT EVIDENCE OF UNITY BETWEEN USYC AND ACYPL COULD BE IMPORTANT POSITIVE FACTOR FOR US PARTICIPATION. END SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY INVITED BULL, SVERDRUP AND, AT THEIR SUGGESTION HANSEN, WHO WAS IN NORWAY FROM BRUSSELS FOR CHRISTMAS, TO LUNCHEON DISCUSSION AT EMBASSY JAN 6. EMBOFFS STRONGLY URGED US PARTICIPATION IN OSLO AND SUCCESSIVE PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND WARSAW CONFERENCE, NOTING IN PARTICULAR CSCE CONNECTION. EMBOFFS PROVIDED THEM INFORMATION ABOUT USYC AND ACYPL AND OUTLINED POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM CONTAINED IN REF C.

2. BULL, SVERDRUP AND HANSEN AGREED THAT THERE IS NO WAY ANYONE CAN INVITE US TO PARTICIPATE IN OSLO PREPARATORY MEETING. INVITATION LIST WAS CAREFULLY WORKED OUT AT LAST MEETING AND NO ONE HAS AUTHORITY TO INVITE ANYONE ELSE, THEY SAID.

3. THEY INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT US COULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE PREPARATORY MEETING OR MEETINGS. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN BELGRADE OR PRAGUE PROBABLY IN MARCH. THEY SAID THAT PARTICIPATION ISSUE WOULD BE ONE OF MATTERS DISCUSSED AT OSLO MEETING. BULL AND SVERDRUP STATED THAT NORWAY LOOKED POSITIVELY ON GREATER US PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AFFAIRS AND PARTICIPATION IN WARSAW CONFERENCE, BUT THAT NORWAY ALSO HAD OTHER HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES DURING OSLO PREPARATORY MEETING, PARTICULARLY CREATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF EUROPE-WIDE YOUTH FUND. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE OTHER HOTLY-CONTESTED APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION. HE COMMENTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF HORSE TRADING. SVERDRUP ALSO COMMENTED THAT IF EFFORT TO OBTAIN FULL US PARTICIPATION FAILS, ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF US OBSERVER DELEGATION IN WARSAW COULD LAY GROUNDWORK FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE.

4. ALL THREE COMMENTED ON SEEMING LACK OF EFFECTIVE

YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN US AT NATIONAL LEVEL. SVERDRUP NOTED THAT US OBSERVER DELEGATION AT LAST EUROPEAN YOUTH CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI WAS POORLY PREPARED, LACKED COORDINATION AND WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH ISSUES AND WITH EACH OTHER. PERHAPS FACT THEY HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN PREPARATORY MEETINGS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS. THEY COMMENTED THAT EVIDENCE OF AN END TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KUSYC AND ACYPL WOULD CERTAINLY HELP. HANSEN SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT THERE WAS NO REAL PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS IN USYC, DESPITE THEIR NOMINAL MEMBERSHIP, AND THAT WHAT WAS REALLY NEEDED FOR US PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES WAS A SINGLE, BROAD, REPRESENTATIVE YOUTH ORGANIZATION INCLUDING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.

5. HANSEN WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF FULL US PARTICIPATION IN WARSAW AND PREPARATORY MEETINGS. HE WARNED AGAINST USING CSCE TIE-IN AS BASIS FOR US PARTICIPATION, SAYING THAT MANY EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS HAD INTERESTS OUTSIDE CSCE FRAMEWORK, THAT MEETING WAS FOLLOW-ON TO PREVIOUS EUROPEAN YOUTH CONFERENCES WHICH ANTEDATED HELSINKI FINAL ACT. WEST EUROPEANS WANTED SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS, NOT "HALLELUJAH" MEETING FOR HELSINKI AGREEMENT. HANSEN SUGGESTED THAT US MIGHT BEST SEEK OBSERVER PARTICIPATION ON SAME BASIS AS AFRICAN AND ASIAN YOUTH COUNCILS.

6. BULL, WHO WAS MORE POSITIVE ABOUT USE OF CSCE AS BASIS FOR US PARTICIPATION, COMMENTED THAT CSCE CALLED FOR MORE ACTIVE GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGEMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTACTS, THAT SUCH GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGEMENT HAS BEEN NOTABLY ABSENT IN US AND THAT FACT EMBASSY WAS TAKING THIS INITIATIVE IN FAVOR OF US PARTICIPATION WAS POSITIVE SIGN.

7. ALL THREE SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR US TO CANVASS IN OTHER PLACES IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY IN EAST EUROPE, TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION OF US YOUTH AT WARSAW. THEY ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF US YOUTH PARTICIPANTS COMING WELL INFORMED AND PREPARED TO DISCUSS ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION.

8. SPEAKING ABOUT ACYPL, ONE OF THREE MENTIONED THAT ACYPL WOULD HAVE MEETING JAN 19 TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO SEVER CONNECTION WITH WORLD ASSEMBLY OF

YOUTH (WAY). ALL THREE INDICATED THAT ACYPL BREAK WITH WAY WOULD BE WELL-RECEIVED IN EUROPE VIS-A-VIS AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES. EMBOFF ASKED QUESTION ABOUT ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS(AAYPL, AND THEY EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IT WAS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF EUROPEAN YOUTH, WHICH SUPPORTED DEPARTMENT'S EVALUATION IN STATE 305637.

9. EMBOFFS REITERATED REQUEST THAT NORWEGIANS ACTIVELY WORK DURING OSLO MEETING TO HAVE US INVITED TO PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND WARSAW CONFERENCE. BULL AND SVERDRUP AGREED TO MEET WITH US JAN 16 FOR POST MORTEM OF OSLO MEETING.
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